

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
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and	§	
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THE STATES OF CALIFORNIA,	§	
DELAWARE, FLORIDA, GEORGIA,	§	
HAWAII, ILLINOIS, INDIANA,	§	
LOUISIANA, MASSACHUSETTS,	§	
MICHIGAN, NEVADA NEW	§	
HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW	§	
MEXICO, NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA,	§	A-10-CA-883-SS
RHODE ISLAND, TENNESSEE, TEXAS,	§	
VIRGINIA AND WISCONSIN AND THE	§	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	§	
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<i>ex rel.</i>	§	
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DESALLE BUI,	§	JOINT MOTION FOR THE ENTRY OF
	§	A STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER
Plaintiffs,	§	GOVERNING THE EXCHANGE OF
	§	CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND
vs.	§	A STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER
VASCULAR SOLUTIONS, INC.	§	GOVERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF
	§	HEALTH INFORMATION
Defendant.	§	
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Plaintiff the United States of America, Relator DeSalle Bui, and Defendant Vascular Solutions, Inc. (“VSI”) hereby respectfully request that this Court enter two Protective Orders – a protective order governing the exchange of confidential information and a protective order governing the disclosure of health information.

The first protective order concerning confidential information is based on the Western District of Texas model Confidentiality and Protective Order (“WDTX Model Order”), available on the Court’s website. The parties have amended Paragraph 14 and added Paragraphs 19 and

20 of the WDTX Model Order to account for the government's statutory and regulatory obligations; specifically, the proposed amendments relate to the government's record retention requirements, ability to share information with other law enforcement agencies, and oversight by Congress.

The parties have amended Paragraph 2(a) of the WDTX Model Order to permit disclosure of "For Counsel" or "Attorneys Only" information to limited additional categories of persons—specifically, the authors and prior recipients of documents so designated, and litigation vendors, court reports, and other litigation support personnel. These amendments appropriately maintain the necessary level of confidentiality while promoting more efficient use of evidence and minimizing disputes over confidentiality.

The parties' joint proposed Protective Order is attached.

The second protective order is specific to the exchange and use of individually identifiable patient health information, which may be subject to statutory and regulatory protections. This second protective order is needed because this case will require the collection and exchange of patient health information, including medical charts, from the clinics and hospitals that allegedly purchased the products at issue from Defendant. A joint proposed Protective Order Governing the Disclosure of Health Information is attached.

For the reasons stated above, the parties respectfully request that the Court enter the proposed stipulated Protective Orders pertaining to the handling of confidential materials and the proposed stipulated Protective Order Governing the Disclosure of Health Information.

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Certificate of Service

I certify that, on July 31, 2013, I electronically filed Joint Motion for the Entry of a Stipulated Protective Order Governing the Exchange of Confidential Information and a Stipulated Protective Order Governing the Disclosure of Health Information and two proposed scheduling orders through the Court's ECF system, which automatically served a notice of electronic filing on all counsel of record.

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